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WINTER STORM UPDATE #5

LOS ANGELES (Sat., Mar. 1, 2014 – 0830 a.m. PST) – The Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) was activated at 6:00 a.m. PST in response to a strong winter storm moving through Los Angeles County. The storm system is impacting Los Angeles County cities and unincorporated area communities. The storm system is forecast to bring heavy rain, snow in the high elevations, isolated thunderstorms, and gusty winds to the area. The CEOC is activated in support of the cities of Glendora, Azusa, Monrovia, and Los Angeles activations of their Emergency Operations Centers due to storm related issues.

The strong winter storm continues to bring heavy rain and thunderstorms to much of Southern California. Rainfall rates of up to one inch per hour could cause significant flooding of roadways and dangerous rockslides in some areas.

Winds of 15 to 25 miles per hour (mph) with gusts up to 45 mph will continue through this afternoon. Periods of heavy snow and gusty winds will make travel hazardous across area roadways. The strongest winds will impact the higher peaks and ridges.

EVACUATIONS

Areas of Glendora, Monrovia, and Azusa remain under mandatory evacuation at this time.

UPDATED ROAD CLOSURES

- Angeles National Forest: Big Pines Highway, Jackson Lake to Angeles Crest Highway –access limited, expect delays.
- Angeles National Forest: Table Mountain Road, Angeles Crest Highway to 1.0 Mile North of Angeles Crest Highway - access limited, expect delays.
- Castaic/Lake Hughes: Elizabeth Lake Road, Lake Hughes Road to Munz Ranch Road – road closed. Only open to the residents and emergency vehicles.

(Source: DPW Website <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures/>):

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at <http://211la.org>. To register for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program please go to <https://snap.lacounty.gov>. For additional disaster/emergency preparedness information, please access <http://lacoa.org> and/or <http://espfocus.org>.